

**MINUTES
of the
ELEVENTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**November 22-23, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe**

The eleventh meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, at 9:19 a.m. on November 22, 2021 in the House Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Martin Hickey
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. David M. Gallegos

Advisory Members

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena (11/22)
Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg (11/23)
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (11/23)
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill (11/23)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Marian Matthews (11/23)
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (11/23)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Sen. Bill Tallman

Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong
Rep. Brittney Barreras
Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Roger E. Montoya
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, LCS
Nancy Martinez, Research Assistant, LCS
Christian Carrillo, Intern, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, November 22

Controlling Prescription Drug Costs (9:35 a.m.)

Colleen Becker, senior policy specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), provided a presentation regarding state and national efforts to reduce prescription drug prices. Additionally, Ms. Becker provided a report from the NCSL on prescription drug policy. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=11/22/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

Approval of Minutes (11:31 a.m.)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the following 2021 interim meetings: September 28-29, September 30, October 1 and October 25-26.

Food Security (12:30 p.m.)

Jeff Witte, secretary, New Mexico Department of Agriculture; Kendal Chavez, food and hunger coordinator, Office of the Governor; Chili Yazzie, member, Food, Hunger and Farm Steering Committee; and Sherry Hooper, executive director, The Food Depot, provided a presentation regarding food security. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20112221%20Item%202%20FoodSecurity.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:37 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Prescription Drug Costs: Stakeholders' Perspective (2:04 p.m.)

Barbara K. Webber, executive director, Health Action New Mexico; Katelin Lucariello, director, State Policy, Rocky Mountain Region, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America; Jonathan Buxton, director, State Affairs, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association; and Kris Hathaway, vice president, State Affairs, America's Health Insurance Plans, provided a presentation regarding stakeholder perspectives in pricing prescription drugs. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=11/22/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

Update: New Mexico Hospital Association (4:13 p.m.)

Christina Campos, M.B.A., administrator, Guadalupe County Hospital; Troy Clark, M.Acc., C.P.A., president and chief executive officer, New Mexico Hospital Association; Tim Johnsen, M.B.A., F.A.C.H.E., senior vice president, Hospital Operations, Presbyterian Healthcare Services; and Jamie Silva-Steele, R.N., B.S.N., M.B.A., F.A.C.H.E., president and chief executive officer, University of New Mexico Sandoval Regional Medical Center, provided a presentation regarding the status of the New Mexico Hospital Association. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20112221%20Item%204%20NMHA.pdf>.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:54 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23**Medical Debt Protection (9:20 a.m.)**

Russell Toal, superintendent of insurance; Nicolas Cordova, attorney, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty; and Senator Duhigg provided a presentation regarding the Patients' Debt Collection Protection Act, which was passed during the 2021 regular legislative session. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20112221%20Item%205%20Medical%20Debt%20CLP.pdf>.

Health Insurance Premium Surtax (10:34 a.m.)

Mr. Toal provided a presentation regarding the health insurance premium surtax and the Health Care Affordability Fund. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20112221%20Item%206%20OSI%20Health%20Care%20Affordability%20Fund.pdf>.

Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP) (11:44 a.m.)

Nick Pavlakos, president, ADDCP; Jim Copeland, executive director, ADDCP; and Charlie Marquez, lobbyist, ADDCP, provided a presentation regarding the ADDCP's efforts to collaborate with state providers. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20112221%20Item%207%20DIRECT%20CARE%20WORKFORCE%20INITIATIVE.pdf>.

Review of 2022 Legislation for Committee Endorsement (12:30 p.m.)

Committee members discussed legislation for endorsement. The proposed legislation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/endorsed_legislation?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Year=2022.

Update: Health Care Coverage Issues (1:35 p.m.)

Mr. Toal; Jeffery Bustamante, chief executive officer, beWellnm; and Kristina Leeper, deputy director, New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool, provided a presentation regarding the status of state health care coverage. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=11/22/2021&ItemNumber=8>.

Approval of Minutes (2:37 p.m.)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the September 14-17, 2021 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.